

# Mike Callas

# SPORTS

## PROFILE OF A GREAT EX-RAM

Rest easy, tired out football fan, we're not going to fill this space with accolades to Norm Van Brocklin and the way he led the Philadelphia Eagles to an Eastern Division Championship and then on Monday of this week topped it off with a great signal-calling job to clinch the World's Championship of the National League. You've heard it countless times, I'm sure, and I feel convinced that you're inclined the same way—that the ol' Dutchman is deserving of almost every adjective in the football catalogue.

However, think back to pre-season of this year and the man the Rams traded to the Eagles—a defensive back who wore the Ram number of 25, Long and lanky, the stalwart was instrumental in saving a number of games for the Los Angeles eleven in the seasons of '56 through '59. Our hero was also a follower of Van Brocklin and when the Dutchman left for the East Coast in '58 our subject was grief-stricken, although he was not on Van's offensive platoon. He so admired the Ram's number one quarterback.



BURROUGHS

When rumors of Ram dissension reached the public, our defensive ace was among those who hated Sid Gillman's guts and the way the coach ran the ball club. However, after the inner team squabble subsided, he learned to work with another Van Brocklin hater, Les Richter. A difficult task, as Les has never been known to keep his feelings to himself.

Gillman was unceremoniously fired in 1959 and our player of merit breathed a sigh of relief—for maybe now he could adjust himself properly to the likes of Waterfield and Hamp Pool. However, when the new coaches met to decide the fate of some of the older Rams, Dutch's believer was sent to be with his old teammate. A blow for sure, for he loved it out here and did not get the chance to prove himself to his new bosses.

### BART STARR'S DOWNFALL

When ex-Ram 25 arrived in Philadelphia, Van Brocklin was the first to welcome him to Buck Shaw's contingent. The friendship grew during the past season, although the men were on different platoons. The trade inspired the new Eagle and he carried the number 45, Philadelphia's mark, to greater defensive efforts—keeping opposing ends and backfield stars from making too many completions. His agile form and quick responses took Philly fans and the new crowds hollered about the merits of the Ram castoff.

Perhaps you've guessed already that we have been outlining the activities of Don Burroughs, who proved Monday against the Packers that he was another ex-Ram, among many, who made good away from the Coliseum. If you watched the game on TV as I did, you need not wonder why Bart Starr of the Packers singled out Don as the man responsible for Green Bay's downfall.

The Rams, thanks to the Dallas Cowboys, escaped the cellar of the Western Division this year. Burroughs, some \$5-6000 richer as a member of the victorious Eagle team, could not be cared less. His favorite reply should now be "Who needs 'em?"—Los Angeles, of course.

### HILTON QUITTER IF L.A. GOES TO DIEGO

Although this reporter half-heartedly supported the Los Angeles Chargers in their first season, he has no other course than to call Barron Hilton and the brains who make up his financial team quitters if they take the club to San Diego.

Take a fer instance—If you or I had sunk our funds into this venture, then I, and perhaps you, would have to pull out—after all, the team lost lots of dough this year. But, on the other hand, if we had the kind of green Hilton has, I feel certain that most of us would come back next year and fight the Rams for that dollar at the gate. At worse, Uncle Sam would be the loser and really, who cares if the loss is absorbed by him?

Hilton got a winner this year—his team finished the season on top in a league that was almost as tough as the National. Given a little time, the Los Angeles fans might get to appreciate its local moniker. Give a look at the Lakers of basketball—they started slow, but they'll recoup. And what's more of an incentive, Mr. Hilton, the Rams did not pull as many fans into the Coliseum this season as they did in 1959. You and your club hurt them! There is nothing in Ram plans for '61 that would indicate anything but another losing club.

Consider, Mr. Hiltop, before you make that enormous decision. It may be sunnier in San Diego, but I'll bet the green would be slower in coming than it would be in Los Angeles.

If you, the football paying public, feel the same way, take the time and write to us—we'll forward your letters to Mr. Hilton. Competition may not be healthy for businessmen, but folks it keeps the owners honest in more ways than one. So get that pencil or pen out—the one you got for Christmas—and write urging the Chargers to stay in Los Angeles.



READY FOR SEASON—Scheduled to open the 1960-61 Metropolitan Conference basketball season are members of Coach George Stanich's Warrior squad. Members of the team are Joe Cattaveria, Mira Costa; Jack Runyan, Inglewood; Jim Combs, Aviation; John Boyd, Morningside; Louis DelCastillo,

San Gabriel Mission; Pat Meyers, Aviation; and Dave Brown, Redondo. Standing are Dan Karavas, Redondo; Keith Lent, Hawthorne; Ted Sprague, Aviation; Ernie Pritchard, Leuzinger; Dave Roth, Inglewood; Bob Bickers, Hawthorne; Mike Schreder, Leuzinger; and Ron Wey, Honey Creek, Indiana.

## Pop Warner 'Strawberry Bowl' Game December 31

A national Pop Warner football league contest, the Strawberry Bowl, between Gardena and Texas, is scheduled for December 31, 10 a.m. at Serra High School field, 14830 Van Ness Ave., Gardena.

KILT Baby Oilers, mascots of the pro team from Texas, will arrive at L. A. International airport at 6 p.m., December 28, where they will

## Santa Anita Will Feature Races During Holiday

Following the banner opening of the 55-day thoroughbred racing season on the Christmas holiday Monday, Santa Anita Park presents a series of outstanding stakes for the New Year holidays. Attractions for the thousands of visitors here for Pasadena's near-by Tournament of Roses and football classic, along with local turf followers, will be:

\$25,000 California Breeders' Trial this Friday, for California foaled Derby prospects going 7 furlongs, has among eligibles to start, Pappa's All Sullivan's Bud, and Olden Times.

\$25,000 Malibu Stakes at 7 furlongs with "Horse of Year" Kelso among Maturity stars likely to be seen in action and \$20,000 Las Flores Handicap, for fillies & mares going 6 furlongs, will be the double bill for Saturday.

\$25,000 San Gabriel 'Cap at 1 1/4 miles over the spectacular hillside-infield turf course will be staged on the New Year holiday Monday. In action will be foreign and American top grass runners.

Regular post time of 1 p.m. for the first race with gates opening at 11 a.m. will prevail for the Santa Anita races that will extend through March 11.

### OUT OF CONTROL

Traffic accidents will be out of control in the next ten years unless the motoring public is willing to accept driver controls now, Judson B. Branch, president of Allstate Insurance Companies, declared recently. Drivers can be regulated best through their licenses, and such permits should only be issued to those who demonstrate competence and a responsible attitude behind the wheel, he said.

## 'Swingin' Skis' Will Be Screened Wed., January 18

Warren Miller's 1960 - 61 color films, "Swingin' Skis," has been scheduled for showing on Wednesday night, January 18, at the Civic Auditorium, in Santa Monica.

Concerts, Inc. is presenting the attraction, which will be narrated in person by the famed skier-photographer.

As with his previous pictures, Miller made the trans-oceanic winter sports circuit, picking up thrilling footage in Squaw Valley during the 8th Olympic Games, at Sun Valley, Mammoth, Snow Valley, Bromley, Sugarbush, Zurs, St. Moritz, Val D'Isere and Chamonix, to name but a few.

Miller skied with world champions, European nobility, society leaders, industrial and business giants and just plain folk, out for the first time to learn and conquer one of the world's most dangerous and most exciting sports.

## Tornace Man, CHP Officer, to Be Transferred

Lieut. Arthur E. Allen, with the message and dispatch center at the California Highway Patrol's Sacramento Headquarters, has been transferred to the West Los Angeles Area office. Commissioner Bradford M. Crittenden announced this week.

Lieutenant Allen, a Torrance resident, reports for duty at his new station January 9.

A highway patrolman since June, 1948, Lieutenant Allen had been stationed at Sacramento since September, 1960, when he became a lieutenant. He was promoted to sergeant in 1954.

HOLIDAY DRIVERS  
Hurrying holiday drivers are rushing to their own traffic accident, the Allstate Safety Crusade warns. They would be smarter to realize it's better to be slowed down than laid up.

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LET'S GO  
**BOWLING**  
With Darlene Cope

Wanted, Moms and Dads for open bowling at Gable House. Since school is out, Gable House is jumping with youngsters of all ages. The only high scores to report since last week were pinned by the juniors.

Ken Motoyasu shot a 243; Jay Scharfman, 236; Jim Masaki, 217; Philip Nicholson, 214; Richard Masaki, 212; and Richard Powell, 200.

L. C. Goodson spared the hard 4-6 split while Jean Hennessy and Bertha Marcell slipped the 7-9's. Hodie McBride and Lou Morrison spilled the 8-10 spare.

**BOWL-A-ROUND**  
January 1, 1961, is the deadline for the Bowl-A-Round. Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, the top 30 contestants from Gable House will commence their roll-offs. From Gable, these 30 bowlers will visit Del Mar Lanes to finish their eliminations to determine who will be the ten top finalists. Try to be on hand Sunday morning and root for your favorite bowler. Top prizes include a Corvair, trips to Hawaii or Acapulco, Mexico. House prizes consist of the TV set, Hi-Fi console and other gifts which are on display in the main lobby. Good luck.

**TEENS HAVE FUN**  
The teen-agers I meet while bowling, are really interesting to talk to. They always seem to have a lot of fun in whatever they do. I asked a few the question: "Why do you like to bowl during the school holidays?" Their replies were as follows: Marty Bakker: "Because it gives me something to do and I like it. I also plan to join South High league." Steve Donahue: "It's a lot of fun and I can win trophies. I want to join a South High league soon and this gives me a good chance to practice." Marc Bozman: "There is nothing much else to do. I go Saturdays and holidays as it gives me a chance to bowl often. It is cheaper during the week and I can't bowl during school hours. The more I bowl the better I hope to get—practice makes perfect." Eileen Moore: "It's something to do. It's fun and breaks the monotony of home." Dennis Ayala: "I have been waiting for these holidays as this is my favorite pastime. I want to improve so I can join a summer league." Brian Moeck: "Bowling is my favorite hobby and I think it is a lot of fun."

Jo Balfour, coffee shop girl, wanted me to announce that she has changed her beautiful fire silver color hair back to its original color, brown. Reason—Christmas is over and also she couldn't take the ribbing anymore.

Ladies, there will be another spare pick-up class this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Cheerful Jerry Homel will be your host.

**Football Fans Journey to Area Rose Bowl Game**  
Rose Bowl and Tournament of Roses fans and devotees will descend upon Southern California by the trainload today and tomorrow, four such trains being scheduled by Santa Fe Railway for the two days.

Heading the legations will be the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce Rose Bowl Special, which will arrive at Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal 5:40 p.m. today. The official University of Minnesota Special train including the band will arrive at Pasadena at 8:35 a.m. with 260 passengers detaining there.

Also arriving that day, detouring at Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal will be an American Express Company Rose Bowl tour of 110 persons at 9 a.m., and a Vanderbilt Rose Bowl Tour of 12 persons aboard the Chief at 11:15 p.m.

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## Season Opens at Ascot Stadium New Year's Day

First automobile racing of the 1961 season takes place, January 1, New Year's Day, when the NASCAR Late Model Stock Cars will be in action at New Ascot Stadium in South Los Angeles.

Over forty new cars will be seen including several 1961 models. A 100 lap main event will highlight the days eight event racing program over the speedy half-mile oval.

Heading the list of drivers will be Danny Letner, Downey, who came out of retirement last year to capture the final two races of the season, driving a 1960 Ford.

### COMPETITION

His competition will come from Marvin Porter, Lakewood, two time NASCAR champion who also wheels a Ford. Porter finished second in his last outing to Letner, but had trouble at the start of the race, and this time hopes to pick up the winner's \$2,000 purse.

Other top drivers entered include: Mel Larson, Phoenix; Bob Ross, Lakewood; Scotty Cain, Fresno; Eddie Gray, Gardena; Lloyd Dane, Buena Park; Jim Cook, Anaheim; Bruce Worrrell, Lakewood;

A special match race for 1961 cars also will be on the program, featuring a Chevrolet, Ford and Plymouth. These will be driven by: Marvin Porter (Ford); Bob Ross (Chevrolet) and Danny Letner (Plymouth). There will be three, two lap events.

Racing will start at 2:30 p.m., preceded by time trials at 1 p.m.

## HONDA



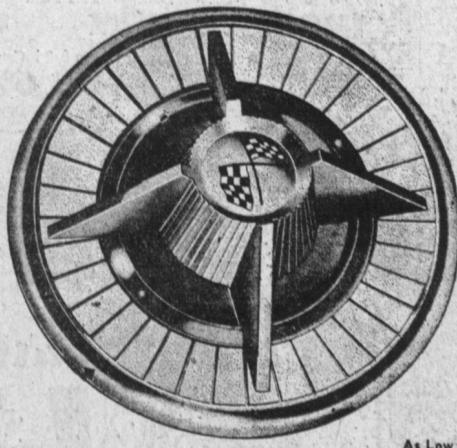
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